

II. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A container, in particular a plastic container, preferably in the form of a pail, having a lid (2) for closing the container (1), said lid having a receiving area (4) in which, when ~~the~~ said container is in the closed state, the container lip (3) limiting the container opening engages and is held, ~~characterized-in-that~~ wherein mutually interacting ~~each~~ latch-detent hook members (10-14) and sealing surfaces (16-19) are provided in ~~the~~ said receiving area of ~~the~~ said lid and on ~~the~~ said lip of ~~the~~ said container opening, ~~the~~ said catch members being configured such that when ~~the~~ said container is in the closed state, ~~the~~ said sealing surfaces are pressed together reliably to form seals, and, in particular, can only be released by destroying ~~the~~ said lid and/or the rim.

2. (Currently Amended) The container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized-in-that~~ wherein ~~the~~ said receiving area (4) of ~~the~~ said lid and ~~the~~ said lip (3) of ~~the~~ said container opening are engineered such that closure of ~~the~~ said container with ~~the~~ said lid is effected essentially by a translational movement or, in particular, by pushing or clipping ~~the~~ said lid onto ~~the~~ said container from above.

3. (Currently Amended) The container ~~of claim 1 or 2~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized-in-that~~ wherein at least two, preferably three or more ~~each-~~ latch-detent hook member pairs (12,10; 13,11; 14,21) are provided, at least one ~~each-~~ of said latch-detent hook member pair preferably being engineered such that the catch is released by way of a

different, in particular an opposing movement to that required to disengage the other ~~catch~~ of said latch-detent hook member pairs, so that in order to release the catch mechanism comprising differently acting ~~catch~~ said latch-detent hook member pairs, at least part of ~~the~~ said lid's receiving area (4) or of ~~the~~ said lip (3) of ~~the~~ said container opening must be moved in different directions, especially opposite directions.

4. (Currently Amended) A container according to ~~one of the preceding~~ claims as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the said sealing surfaces (16-19) are provided separately from ~~the catch~~ said latch-detent hook members and/or on the catch members.

5. (Currently Amended) A container according to ~~one of the preceding~~ claims as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein at least one, preferably several of said seals are provided in ~~the~~ said receiving area (4) and/or on ~~the~~ said lip (3) of ~~the~~ said container opening, said seals preferably being in the form, in particular, of inserted or injected gaskets.

6. (Currently Amended) A container according to ~~one of the preceding~~ claims as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said receiving area (4) of ~~the~~ said lid and/or ~~the~~ said lip (3) of ~~the~~ said container opening ~~has~~ and further comprises a predetermined partition location (15) for detachment of a part (3) of ~~the~~ said receiving area and/or of ~~the~~ said lip, in particular of that part that has the differently functioning ~~catch~~ said latch-detent hook member pair(s), so that only identically functioning ~~catch~~ said latch-detent

hook member pairs remain, in order to permit openings of ~~the~~ said container closed with ~~the~~ said lid.

7. (Currently Amended) A container ~~according to one of the preceding~~ claims as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cross-section of the said receiving area (4) is essentially U-shaped and is open at the bottom, ~~the~~ said lip of ~~the~~ said container opening being at least partially, in a first section, straight in said cross-section and being ~~accommodated~~ defined between the two legs (5,6) of the said U-shaped receiving area, and, in particular, further comprising detent hooks, latches and/or engagement grooves (20) that interlock on closure being provided on an inner side of ~~the~~ one of said leg (5) and on the corresponding side of the first section of ~~the~~ said lip, while on the inside of the other of said leg (6) and on the corresponding side of ~~the~~ said first section of ~~the~~ said lip of ~~the~~ said container opening, said sealing surfaces (16,17) are provided.

8. (Currently Amended) The container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least two of said detent hooks (12,13) are provided on the inside of ~~the~~ said outer leg (5) of ~~the~~ said receiving area (4), and at least one of said detent hook (14) on the outside of ~~the~~ said outer leg.

9. (Currently Amended) The container ~~of claim 7 or 8~~ as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ the wherein said lip (3) of the said container opening is at least partially – in particular in a second section extending over a portion of ~~the~~ said lip insertable

into ~~the~~ said receiving area – double-walled, ~~the~~ said outer leg (5) of ~~the~~ said receiving area (4) engaging at least partially in the space between the two walls of ~~the~~ said lip.

10. (Currently Amended) The container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that the~~ further comprising an outer element (8) in ~~the~~ said second section of the double-walled lip (3) has an undercut (21) or a ~~catch~~ latch-detent hook member, which interacts with ~~the~~ said detent hooks (14) on the outside of ~~the~~ said outer leg (5) of ~~the~~ said receiving area, and, in particular, forms a ~~catch-~~ said latch-detent hook member pair (14, 21) which, compared with ~~the catch~~ said latch-detent hook members (12, 13) on the inside of ~~the~~ said outer leg of ~~the~~ said receiving area and with ~~the catch~~ said latch-detent hook members (10, 11) on the outside of ~~the~~ said element (9) of the first section of the double-walled lip of ~~the~~ said container opening, requires a different, in particular an opposing, opening movement in order to release ~~the~~ said catch.

11. (Currently Amended) A container ~~according to one of the claims 7 to 10~~ as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that ~~the~~ said outer leg (5) of ~~the~~ said receiving area (4) of ~~the~~ said lid (2) has a predetermined partition location (15) in the form of a film hinge for the purpose of parting with a cutting tool, in particular a knife, said predetermined partition location preferably being positioned such that the lower segment (33) of ~~the~~ said outer leg (5) of ~~the~~ said receiving area, which segment contains the two, in particular differently functioning, ~~catch-~~ said latch-detent hook member pairs (21, 14; 13, 11), is detached and remains, in particular, in ~~the~~ said double-walled portion of ~~the~~ said lip (3) of ~~the~~ said container opening.

12. (Currently Amended) A container ~~according to one of the claims 7 to 11~~ as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that in~~ wherein the connecting area (7) of the said legs (5,6) of the said receiving area (4), further comprises a gasket, in particular an O-ring, is provided, which, when the said container is in the closed state, is pressed into the said receiving area by the upper end of the said lip of the said container opening.

13. (Currently Amended) A container ~~according to one of the preceding claims~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said catch members are arranged as circumferential hooks or latches (10-13) on the said lip of the said container opening and/or on the said receiving area.

14. (Currently Amended) A container ~~according to one of the preceding claims~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said container with the said lid is securely and tightly closed at inside pressures of up to 1 bar, particularly up to 0.8 bar in the case of liquid and pasty substances in particular, and, in particular, satisfied the UN licensing conditions for the transport of hazardous liquid substances.